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"This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." – 1 John 4:10

December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m.

"An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them."

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

* Hymn As with Gladness Men of Old DIX

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to Thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle-bed
There to bend the knee before Him whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.**

**Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.**

**In the heavenly country bright need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing alleluias to our King.**

* Prayer of Adoration

**"And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who
turn from transgression," declares the Lord.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 53:1-12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Intercession

Pastor Heath Cross

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Solo Hush, the Baby Is Sleeping Kaiser
Mrs. Kristen Bachmann, solo

Hush, hush, the baby is sleeping, so quietly resting His head on the hay. See how His mother is beaming, her Child brings the whole world a hopeful new day. Angels announce His birth, "Peace to all men on earth. Gladly your voices raise, let your hearts sing!" Oh, hush, hush, the baby is sleeping, tread softly, dear shepherds, to honor your King.

**"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...
being found in appearance as man, He humbled Himself..."**

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Luke 2:15-21
All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

Sermon Christmas Pain Pastor Jim Bachmann

* Hymn Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

**Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains;
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.**

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?**

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.**

“Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Lighting of the Candles

* Responsive Reading from Isaiah 2, 9, 49

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given;

And the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth!

* Hymn Silent Night! Holy Night! STILLE NACHT

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild;

Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light

Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace;

Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth; Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;

With the angels let us sing alleluia to our King;

Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

* Benediction

* Postlude

** congregation standing*

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